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## THE STORY OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA.

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To understand the present, we must study the past. To appreciate results we must know the causes which have been at work to produce them. To value an organization it is necessary to gain some idea of the influences which shape its early history. In accordance with this general law, we have collected a few facts from the founders of Alpha chapter, that Kappa Alpha Theta, by a glance at the past, may better appreciate her present high standing.

This first Greek-letter society for women grew out of the opposition which the ladies, entering Asbury, met from the students. This opposition was stronger from the fraternities, among them all Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Chi were the only friendly ones. This antagonism was so pronounced that the girls felt the need of a bond union closer than that of common interest and womanhood. The leading spirits among the girls, Bettie Locke and Alice Allin, conceived the idea of a ladies' fraternity as the best means to the desired end. They went to Dr. John Locke with their plans, and it was his encouragement and support, together with that of Dr. Ridpath, that made the fraternity feasible. During the winter of '69—'70 the proposed organization was the only topic among the girls. The two originals spoke to Ella F. Jones, Virginia Fitch, and Bettie Tipton, and the five together worked out the constitution and details. College work and social standing was the basis of membership.

The designing of the badge was a matter of no small anxiety; drawings innumerable were made,—stars, crescents, and what not, till at last the kite was chosen. The first badge, plain, cost \$20; this covered the cost of the die. The girls came out in the full glory of their badges, during the spring term of '70, in the old Asbury chapel. The appearance of the ladies' fraternity made quite a stir in college circles: some greeted the girls warmly, others predicted that "the kites would soon go up." The home origin of the society was kept a secret. The pledged members believed they were to join a fraternity introduced from some eastern college. It was the intention to tell nothing outside the fraternity. Time and place of meeting were kept secret. Anna Dickinson and Mrs. Stanton, with other prominent speakers and lecturers, were badged that first spring; in one or two instances, the badges were worn off and never returned.

The first branch chapter was established at Bloomington, Indiana, others soon followed. In the spring of '71, Alpha entertained Bloomington at the home of Mrs. Dr. Morrow. This was the first Theta banquet; it

marked the close of the struggle for existence and opened the era of growth. Two decades have changed us from a little chapter of five to a great national organization; her members, chosen from among the brightest and most intellectual of America's college girls, remember with warmest gratitude, that courageous little band of founders. They impressed upon our society its character. Their courage, their sympathy, their womanliness have descended to us. They gave us the standard of that high scholarship which was demanded by their own girl pride. Dear to our hearts is the memory of those girls of '70, and this glance at the past gives an impulse to the future of Kappa Alpha Theta.

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#### BEGINNINGS OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA AT DEPAUW.

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[The Literary Editor acknowledges indebtedness for the following from the pen of Dr. John Clark Ridpath, an article doubly interesting on account of the prominence of the writer and his connection with Asbury at the time of our founding.]

The germination of Kappa Alpha Theta is a thing of much interest, and will be of greater interest hereafter. The birthday was in the winter of 1870. The circumstances which gave rise to the fraternity are still preserved in the memories of some who were witnesses of the event. It is well that these memories, now passing into tradition, should be preserved. At the date of the founding of the fraternity, only a few colleges and universities had been opened for the admission of women. Among these, Asbury University, now DePauw, was one of the first. It was the peculiarity of the event that the gate was opened half way; and the first girls were allowed to squeeze in as if by the compression of their skirts.

Nor was the welcome altogether cordial. The University authorities had agreed that ladies might be admitted, but had laid the restriction upon them that only the College classes proper, and that in the classical department, were open to the girls. This made it necessary that the applicant should have preparation in Greek and Latin. So the comers at the first were few and far between.

But they were also courageous. Otherwise, they could by no means have endured the fight. It was on the side of the students that the greatest opposition was experienced. The Alumni were also known to look with much disfavor on the new departure. The result was that the few ladies who entered the University in the fall of 1867 were met with a frown. They were set in the corner and scrutinized with something of the same interest which is given to curiosities in a museum. The prejudice against the women students was quite intolerable for several years. It was the hope of many that the enterprise would prove a failure—that no girls would venture to run the gauntlet, or if they should make the trial that they would be scowled out of the contest.

The event proved otherwise. A few brave girls entered the Freshman class, and presently made their way toward Seniordom. Nor was the evidence apparent that they were lacking in scholarly attainments. The circumstances here sketched produced their natural results in the minds of the young ladies who had now taken a permanent place as students of the University. They learned many things in the first two or three years of their journey through College. Among the rest, they clearly perceived

the advantage of fraternal organization. They could but observe the workings of the family of fraternities. It was plain that those who were protected by such a relation fared better, and perhaps lived longer in College, than they could otherwise have done. This, perhaps, was the first suggestion of a ladies' fraternity at DePauw. The women perceived that they might as well have the advantages of organization and sisterhood as those who were at the time their persecutors.

Many incidental circumstances conduced to the founding of the fraternity. Social courtesies were not extended by the classmates of those who were foremost among the ladies, or at least not extended to all; and it was rumored that at least one favorite member on the girls' side of the hall had been initiated into one of the men's fraternities! It was under these circumstances that Betty McReynolds Locke, Alice O. Allen, and Mary E. Simmons, of the Junior class of 1870, and Betty Tipton, of the Sophomore class, conceived the project of establishing a women's fraternity.

The enterprise was embarrassed with many difficulties. How could four girls make a secret fraternity, anyhow? There was nothing with which they could affiliate, and only a few to whom they could safely appeal in such a trying crisis. But the founders of Kappa Alpha Theta had discretion and wit. They sought counsel of a few friends, and learned how such things were done. Among those who were thus consulted and who sympathized with the project were Dr. John Clark Ridpath, at that time Professor of Belles Lettres and History, and Dr. John W. Locke, Professor of Mathematics. The latter was the father of Betty McReynolds Locke, who may be regarded as the leader of the enterprise. After learning the primary lessons in such business, the young ladies drew up their Constitution, obtained the address of a competent badge maker, and set up house. The intent of the parties was well concealed, so that the apparition of the fraternity had all the brilliancy of a new morning risen on noon-day. Every circumstance attending the institution of the fraternity was auspicious; and it must be confessed that the result was favorable both to the young ladies themselves and to the rank and file of the girls in College.

The ladies thus associated in Kappa Alpha Theta found themselves at once under the protection of fraternal bonds. They had no difficulty in getting recognition from the Faculty and a place at Commencement. This gave opportunity; and opportunity is the thing most needed under such circumstances. The first anniversary after the establishment of the fraternity was observed in public; and though the old prejudice had not yet fully abated, the ladies who appeared, wearing their badges in honor of the new sisterhood, acquitted themselves in such manner as to win universal applause. It thus happened that the appearance of Kappa Alpha Theta subserved a double purpose. It gave vent and opportunity for the natural disposition of the women students to associate themselves in fraternal relations, and at the same time made sure their position in College. After the establishment of the Alpha Chapter, it was never seriously questioned at DePauw University that the women would hold their place, that they would be admitted henceforth to all the advantages and honors of the Institution, and would share equally in all particulars the benefits which it gave.

DR. JOHN CLARK RIDPATH.

### A HOMELY SUGGESTION.

So much is being said and written about the new era for women, the wonderful vistas which science and literature open to them, and the alluring prospects which the hitherto closed doors of the professions offer, that college girls need no awakening to their responsibilities in those directions.

One can hardly take up a magazine, which gives any space to the discussion of current social questions, without being confronted by articles on "Woman's Place in the State," "Woman Suffrage: Pro and Con." And when men like Goldwin Smith devote attention to these topics, and when a political party boldly declares itself in favor of the franchise for women, is it any wonder that the college girls of to-day catch the fever, and feel they are about to solve wholly new problems, and are to prepare for the discharge of duties, hitherto unknown to women. With the great and increasing demands of the outside world, with benevolent and church societies, with unnumbered organizations, in this age of committees, women are called to fill executive positions from which their grandmothers would have shrunk in dismay. It is to the credit of college training that it gives those qualities of quick decision and self-command—alas, so rare in a presiding officer—yet so essential to such activities.

But while new fields are open to our college graduates, is it not true that danger may come from neglecting the old fields, which, though perhaps not as fertile, yet from the time of mother Eve, have always been waiting to be tilled by feminine hands? For whatever new duties the age may bring, while the world stands, the old homely ones remain, and the one subject John Milton especially recommended to the consideration of women is not obsolete, though having had many supplements. "Study household good" was his text, and so thoroughly did he believe it, that his own daughters were forbidden to learn any language, but were compelled to read to their father in five or six foreign tongues, of none of which they understood one word. Though we resent Milton's educational theories, yet "household good" should be studied in the nineteenth as well as in the seventeenth century.

Perhaps the young collegian of to-day may feel she has a strong call to a literary career, and may have aspirations to become the successor of George Eliot, yet in this world where the wheel of fortune is in such a constant state of revolution, should she be summoned, as was Dorothy Wordsworth, to leave her own work, and minister to the wants of her brother, could she do it with Dorothy Wordsworth's grace? That sister's poetic enthusiasm and cultured mind, did not unfit her for the common duties of life, and her biographers have given us a most charming picture of their life in the little white cottage at Grasmere. Here, though there was plain living—very plain living—there was also the high thinking and the cordial home atmosphere which made the unpretentious house attractive to De Quincey and Coleridge. No one was ever more indebted to the aid of another than was Wordsworth to his sister. She was his inspiration. Whether acting as his amanuensis, reading to him, accompanying him on his daily walks through his beloved Lake District or making his toast and tea, her influence was always cheering and soothing.

Few women have been endowed with finer poetic taste than Alice Carey, yet with her unusual talents, the homelier employments consorted

agreeably. For fifteen years her cosy rooms in New York were the centre of attraction for some of the brightest people in America. Horace Greeley, Bayard Taylor, Thomas Bailey Aldrich, Elizabeth Stoddard and many less distinguished bear witness of her gracious hospitality extended to any and all of the literary guild. Her friends tell us of her skill in making apple compote, and her dainty method of serving it at her delightful Sunday evening teas, and the pleasure she took in her housekeeping.

For one engaged in intellectual work, it is an easy matter to lose hold of the practical side of life, and to have an ideal which ignores that element altogether. Such was the sad mistake of a college friend. She laid out her college course which was to include graduate work for a doctor's degree, and that to be supplemented by two year's specializing in Germany. With all energies bent on her studies, she contemptuously ignored such commonplace and menial duties as sweeping and dusting her room, or keeping her clothing in repair. When buttons refused to stay pinned, or when stockings became uncomfortably airy, they were sent to her home in another state or altogether discarded. The year after leaving college, an attack of nervous prostration left her unable to study or read. With no interests outside her books, and with absolutely no knowledge of needle work, she had a most unhappy time. But her career is by no means a common one, and many are the bright and practical college girls whose talents shine in well-ordered homes whose comfort their own hands have largely made.

While, then, we heartily welcome the day when women reach eminence in science, literature and art, still let not mental improvement preclude the detail of the homely employment of homemaking.

ANNE PADDOCK WING,  
IOTA.

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### FRATERNITY LIFE.

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#### SPIKING.

In colleges where fraternities are located there is one season which, of all the year, seems most interesting to the Greeks. A time when even the coldest and most unconcerned thaw perceptibly and even become sociable enough to greet, unannounced, some new arrivals upon whom they look with favor. In other words, it is the spiking season, when each fraternity endeavors to put its own merits in the best possible light and to induce each attractive new-comer to behold these merits with partial vision.

We girls have adopted a system of spiking which we consider infinitely superior to the old rushing system, which gave no time either to the new student or to the fraternity, for discovering each others merits; for each fraternity was ever fearful lest it should wait too long to take the decisive step and thus suffer serious loss. Often by acting too quickly, a fraternity gained members whose presence proved more of a disadvantage than a blessing.

To avoid any such inconveniences we have a contract with the other lady fraternities, by which the making of propositions is deferred from four to six weeks after the opening of college until a time which shall be agreed upon by the several parties of the contract. The regulations of the contract may be restricted according to the desire of the contracting parties.

In this system there is a two-fold advantage, the new student as well as the fraternity being greatly benefitted.

The new object of interest has time to form an unbiased opinion of the fraternities, to become well enough acquainted with each individual member to judge if she may ever be able to work in unity and love with the girls, should they see fit, at the proper time, to ask her to become one of their band.

However, the advantage gained by the fraternity cannot be less than that gained by the new girl; for while she views the fraternities from her one position, she is being critically examined from as many standpoints as there are girls in the fraternities.

They meet her in the recitation rooms, where they may judge of her ability as a scholar. In many places they meet her where they may judge of her socially.

On entering college each girl is notified by the organization of the existing state of affairs; and at any time afterward information which is desired, regarding the fraternities at large, may be given, but it is specified in the contract that nothing can be done by any fraternity which may lead a girl to think that her name is being discussed by that body, until the time for giving propositions arrives.

We, who have employed this method for three years, are sure that any one who may put it to the test, can never be willing to go back to the old rushing system.

ADDIE LANE PRIEST,  
ALPHA.

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It seems to me that there is hardly a question concerning fraternity life which more deserves the careful thought of every wearer of a badge, than that of fraternity relations to "barbs" and to sister societies.

It is one that touches our very foundation of our right to exist, the feeling of sisterhood springing from the "bonds" but if the true idea of the fraternity be fulfilled, not limited thereto.

Nothing else than a tendency to draw the lines too closely around the initiated has caused so much opposition to the secret society. Could there be, as just reason for the cause of narrowness, selfishness, and even of questionable secrecy, if the distinction between barbarian and Greek were less prominent?

And ought we not to do all in our power to maintain the highest fraternity idea—that of a kindly spirit toward all—to disarm opposition, and to make ourselves felt as an influence for good?

The relation of the fraternity to the "barb," is but another phase of its relation to other societies. This assumes quite a serious aspect when, as is the case at Northwestern, there are five fraternities represented. I say "serious," because we are liable to form habits of thought and action from our fraternity relations, which will cling to us after leaving college.

It seems to me that the greatest danger is that of becoming narrow. The healthy feeling of rivalry may, if carried too far, create a spirit of antagonism which will lead us ungenerously to attribute wrong motives to others.

Constant association with a few chosen friends naturally turns one's chief thoughts and affections toward them; but this should not preclude

other friendships, nor as is often the case, should the clannish feeling become so strong as to prevent free association with those outside her own fraternity.

The better way is not to make the fraternity the ruling factor of college life, but a pleasant and helpful addition to it; not that it shall dwarf the sympathies and enlarge the critical powers, but that, binding together and making closer friends of a few, it may not blind to thought for the many.

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## EDITORIALS.

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PANHELLENISM, at the present time, is attracting not a little notice in the Greek world. It is most interesting to read the different views taken in the various magazines. As in most questions, there are strong arguments both pro. and con. There are many strong points in these arguments but the editor is of the opinion that both sides are too extreme. To be so conservative and exclusive as to wish to have no intercourse with other fraternities is an evidence of remaining barbarism ; while on the other hand, to wish for a consolidation of all is missing the mark towards which Fraternity aims, which is, by intimate association, to so mold the character of the most congenial that they may be better fitted for their life work. We cannot agree with the Shield, of Theta Delta Chi, "that even one common purpose would be a death-blow to the prime factors of the existence" of Fraternities. We believe that underlying all forms, methods and systems, there is a common purpose, a common aim, the advancement and ennobling of all its members. The means taken for this end are as various as the Fraternities who employ them, but all pointing towards this one result. Recognizing this fact, we believe that much good is obtained on every hand by interchange of thought and good will. We are constantly associated together in college, and for the healthy growth of the true Greek spirit there must be Panhellenism, as we understand the term. This does not mean a lack of loyalty to your own chosen Brotherhood, but a wish to gain all that you can from others, and, not at all unlikely, impart good to others. This, we are sure, was the principal of the First Great Brotherhood, from which all others have sprung, and should be in the heart of every man and woman who are worthy to take upon themselves the vows of Fraternity Life.

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IN reading over the exchanges of the various magazines that reach the editor's table, we have noticed many criticisms upon Chapter letters. We may be pardoned if we again speak about what we consider the right kind of Letters. In the first place the Chapter Letters are more than all the rest of the Journal for that particular Fraternity. Only as far as there is intercourse between

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different Fraternities, which is shown by the Letter, do they, or are they meant to have interest for the Greek world at large.

What is the chief object of having these letters? There are many very good reasons; that each and every chapter may know just what the other chapters are doing, that the alumni may have their enthusiasm kept alive by knowing how their chapters are prospering; that each chapter may have the opportunity of letting her opinions upon fraternity affairs be known. If, then, we acknowledge these to be some of the reasons why we should have these letters, we should be very careful that they should fulfill their purpose.

Then let our chapter letters be full to overflowing with Fraternity spirit. Tell us everything of interest about your chapter, and then let us know what you think about the Journal, about Extension, Spiking, Pledging, or any other subject of interest to you or us. If our letters are criticised by other magazines for being of too little general Fraternity interest we can make answer that we are filling the end for which they are written. But, on the other hand, if our letters are full of life and interest for us, they cannot help being so for others, as they will know it is an evidence of our growth and prosperity, which cannot help being of interest to all loyal Greeks.

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All subscriptions should be sent in AT ONCE that the business may be settled up for the year before school closes.

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Now is the time for every chapter to keep its eyes open and be on the lookout for new girls for next fall. The High School Commencements are an excellent opportunity to get an idea of the good material in the class. Look out for just the girls we want and let none of us make the mistake of being too exclusive. Though this is very commendable to a certain extent, it may lead to disastrous results, as the running down of the lower classes. To be strong and to hold our place, we must have good underclass members, who will be ready to take the responsibility of the chapter when we step out. Take special pains to choose girls who will make *Fraternity* girls. There are many girls come to college who are bright, intelligent girls, but who would never develop into wide awake Fraternity members. These are what we want, and what we must have. So let us all go to work with a will and next fall may many noble young women receive the right hand of Fellowship from Theta.

ALL subscriptions should be sent in at once, if not already sent. The Business Manager wishes to get the business straightened up before the term closes, that she may know how we stand. Please make a special effort to send them.

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WE wish to call special attention to the History of Kappa Alpha Theta in this number. Knowing that many of our members were comparatively ignorant of the history we asked Alpha to send us what material she could demand. She has taken quite a good deal of trouble in looking up the matter and with what success may be seen from the article. We thank her very much for her kindness, and are sure it will be appreciated and enjoyed by every Theta.

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WE are sorry to say that our Exchange Editor was unable to take charge of her department on account of ill health. She has been with us hardly at all this term. She has now gone to spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. Laverty, near Wooster, Ohio, where we hope she will entirely recover and be able to take up her work among us next Fall. We are indebted to Miss Beulah McHenry for the Exchanges this term and thank her heartily for them.

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AMONG the many good friends of Theta we are proud to mention Dr. John Clark Ridpath. From him Theta received much good advice and many good wishes in her early days. At the time of establishing Alpha chapter at DePauw University, he held a professor's chair there. To him we owe the article on "Beginnings of Theta" found in this number. We thank him very heartily for his interest and kindness in giving us this bright article.

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SOME fraternity has proposed that their Chapter exchange Fraternity pictures, no doubt hoping to further the intimate acquaintance of their different chapters. Any plan which will bring this about ought to be adopted by all. But in large Fraternities such an exchange would incur more expense than might be thought wise to expend in that way and so the plan would not be adopted by all. There should be a means by which the picture of every girl initiated into Theta would be left behind her. If each chapter would take care that every Theta should leave her picture among "the relics" of the chapter, the girls of after years would

have a deeper interest in them, when they could see just how they looked. We need adopt every means possible to make the chapters take more interest in the Alumnae as well as the Alumnae in the chapters. Until this is brought about we cannot hope to be any stronger than we are, and we surely desire to grow in strength as well as numbers. This is only one of the many plans that we could adopt. We invite all to think of others and send them to us. This leads us to the subject of "Open Letters."

Here would be a good place for you to let your plans be made known. The Journal is our only organ of communication and in it we should have every phase of fraternity life, not only works but thoughts. By the "Open Letters" we give an opportunity for everyone to let herself be known to all the Fraternity. Whenever anyone has gone on a journey, read a good book, had a great thought or done anything of interest, sit down and write a letter to the Journal, and tell your sisters about it. Do not keep your good things to yourself but share them with us, that we may gain from them as well as you. This department is the only one in which the individual interest can be shown, and we hope many each time will take advantage of this and let us hear from them. Hereafter, there will be this department in the Journal, and we hope it will be filled by bright, sparkling letters in the next Journal.

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Where is that Constitution? Has it got lost on its way among the Chapters? Do hurry it along; we are needing it every day.

## ALUMNAE DEPARTMENT.

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UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT, BURLINGTON, VT.

MY DEAR SISTERS: It is with great hesitation that I have consented, for the first time, to place my name among the Alumnae of the Fraternity, and I am sure that Lambda has made a mistake in asking me to represent that branch of our chapter; however, I'll do the little I can do and ask you to be charitable; for, you see, I don't feel like an Alumnae at all, but very much like one of the "girls" still, for I have been right here in Burlington and attended Lambda's Chapter meetings ever since my graduation. So while others of our Alumnae could tell you of their travels in Europe, or of broadened experiences in our own country, I can only write of college and fraternity affairs, very much as if I were still an undergraduate.

And yet perhaps my long experience in active membership in the Fraternity has better fitted me to understand its condition and needs than if I had left my chapter at graduation, as the most of our girls are obliged to do.

I feel that our Fraternity is in a prosperous condition. No one who saw the earnestness and enthusiasm of our girls, who met at Bloomington last year, from all parts of the United States, could doubt this for a moment. Nearly all, leaving out personal and chapter interests, seemed intent on working for the best good of the Fraternity in general, and, all taken together, such genuine, warm-hearted, earnest girls they seemed that one could hardly repress a feeling of pride at being a member of such an organization.

I feel, too, that our Fraternity business is well managed for a Fraternity as young as ours, and that, with age and experience, we are gradually improving. But there is a lack which I have felt ever since I entered the Fraternity and which, judging from our journal, and from conversations with members of other chapters, I am sure that all have felt. This lack is the hearty interest and support of our Alumnae. I know that we have their sympathy in many respects but how few of us manifest this sympathy, otherwise than by words, can be understood when we consider how few attend chapter meetings, subscribe for the Journal, or give it literary aid. I know that the most of our girls go out into the broader experiences of the world, and college life and college Fraternity get to seem comparatively small, but it is not a small thing, and we must all realize it if we look back over our college life and consider the influence which our Fraternity sisters of the upper classes had over us, at the very time when our characters were being moulded into shape, and Fraternity life will not seem a small thing to our Alumnae when they send their own daughters to college.

Let us resolve, my dear Alumnae sisters, to hereafter give our Fraternity more hearty sympathy and help, and thus to help on the great cause of the broader culture of women.

CLARA COLBURNE.

## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

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### CHI.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, SYRACUSE N. Y., APRIL 29, 1890.

DEAR GIRLS: Didn't you all greatly enjoy the last journal? We did very much. But where, O, *where* is Sigma?

Since our last note we have had quite a number of letters from sister chapters, which we enjoyed very much. We wish the girls would think to write oftener, when business is not before pleasure.

When we read of the girls in other chapters being obliged to leave before the year is over, we consider ourselves fortunate in not having lost one girl during the whole year. We have had a hard struggle, though, with sickness; measles is "our latest."

Some of our city girls have started their bed of pansies. By the way, girls, in looking over a back number of the "American Magazine," I found something which may interest some of you. "The pansy is fabled to have been at one time white until a wandering arrow from Cupid's twanging bow 'purpled it with love's wound.' Also the Coat of Arms of the great Quesnay, founder of the Order of Economists, sketched by Louis XV, himself, was three pansies—perhaps 'for thoughts.' "

Chi girls have at last seated themselves before the camera. Think we will "finish up" very well, according to the proofs.

A few gentlemen invited our girls to a trip after trailing arbutus, on Saturday last. Also the girls have enjoyed a search after wild flowers.

Before our next journal is published other seniors as well as our own will have gone out of active chapter service. We hope when you are graduated you will not look with the least indifference on our work. Our girls promise to work for Theta forever. With our very best wishes to Thetas o'er all our land.

CHI.

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### EPSILON.

UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, April 29, 1890.

DEAR GIRLS: It would have been better for Epsilon's present letter if her last one had not been so profuse, for it exhausted all the topics of general interest of the last half year. There has not been an initiation, a wedding, reception—nothing in fact but lectures on Conscience, demonstrations in Optics, etc., which I suppose might be termed "weighty discourses on light subjects." However, when Society's whimsical goddess, fails us, there is the ever absorbing topic, OURSELVES, to write about. Ella Shields entertained us at her home last Friday evening. Several alumnae were present, and a triad committee furnished us a musical program; so, together with the "sweets to the sweet," provided by our hostess, we were an edified and merry throng. We expected to be honored with the presence of one who has recently accepted our offer of honorary membership, but she was unable

to come that night. Miss Eva Correll, professor of German in Wooster University and a member of that intangible body, the Faculty, is now an honorary member of Kappa Alpha Theta. Miss Correll is a very finished German linguist, having studied several years in Germany, that land of poets and musicians. Music—that brings to mind our song book. It is a shame that the fraternity should be deprived of such a much needed article. Fie, girls! where is your enthusiasm? I am sure we'd have more of it, if we had our song books. Why! don't you know that songs keep patriotism alive? What would America be without her "America?" Come, Thetas, loyal Thetas, pull to and let us have our song book. Who are the delinquent chapters? Epsilon is not one of them. We have five Senior girls who leave us this year; since their Freshman year, when they contributed of their substance to the song book enterprise, they have been waiting—waiting—*don't* let them go from Wooster without them.

We have received a very handsome donation from Cora Weber, '90. It is a rosewood gavil, bearing the Greek letters of the fraternity in inlaid wood. We hereby openly express our thanks. The best thing we can wish for her is, that when she graduates she can get a school, if she wants one, and that eventually she may—quif. We girls have not the advantage which the boys enjoy, in owning a hall, where we can keep all our pretty things. We feel most the need of a place of deposit for the frat photographs. We have a beautiful holder, donated by Miss Weber also.

Two weeks ago the noted violinist, Aamold, and the pianist, Werner, a Swede and a German, who are starring in this country, gave a concert in Wooster. They wanted something in the line of elocution, for variety, so three of us Thetas and one of the Kappas, assisted in the concert. We rendered a Shakespearian burlesque, in which the characters are Lady Macbeth, Portia, Ophelia and Juliet. Have you ever seen it, or given it? We gave it last June at the public farewell of our Willard Literary Society. This year at Willard Farewell, the girls are going to render that bright work of England's laureate, "The Princess."

I suppose the Juniors of your Colleges have just issued, or are about to issue, your College annual. Our "Index" is coming out in a week or so. Of course you all want a copy? I hear it is to be used as a text book at Yale next year.

Well, "good-bye" must come sooner or later, so we had best say it. We are sorry to interrupt this pleasant intercourse—you know "parting with friends is temporary death." Let us hope to meet often again though, next year, through the pages of the Journal. Perhaps some of us may meet this summer. Are any of you going to Chautauqua? A number of Epsilon's girls are talking about it; and with me it is as much of a certainty as any of our mortal plans are. I think it will be delightful for Theta to meet Theta. We are contemplating August as the month for our visit. And now "Goodbye."

Dear Senior Sisters, we hope you will succeed in making yourselves and others happy; that when you attain high places you will forgive us for being proud of you, and that you will help us to the high places, too.

Dear Juniors, you need neither sympathy nor good wishes, for you are great enough to take care of yourselves.

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Sophomores and Freshmen, every age has its charms, and yours is your guilelessness.

But indeed, dear girls, in all seriousness, let us exchange our earnest good wishes and mutual helpfulness for we all need each other's help.

MELLIE M. WOODWORTH.

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### PI.

With the beginning of the new term, Pi opens wide her eyes and looks about her and sees a world growing bright and beautiful under the benigne influence of sunny spring, she sees also a field for labor before her, not the work of pledging and spiking, these belong quite exclusively to the fall term, but a more sober work demands our attention, for as these warm spring days come to us there comes with them a strange and unaccountable disposition to weariness, a general tendency to lay aside the heavy burdens and rest during the heat of the day. This is the weak point and here we must apply extra energy that the earnest work of the chapter may not decrease, that the interest of its members be in no wise abated.

In reviewing the work of the year Pi experiences a degree of satisfaction in what she has accomplished, for she has succeeded in raising a debt of eighty dollars besides meeting local expenses and those of the general Fraternity, nor are financial successes all that she may count hers, for she has also held her own among social and Fraternity circles, standing firm through trials and doing as best she could the tasks assigned.

All has not been the smoothest sailing, no one's lot is all prosperity, dark days and hours *must* come, but how we meet adversity determines the result. Trials if bravely encountered only test the metal.

We have recently added to our ranks a girl of whom we are justly proud as she possesses a high social standing and is an earnest student, she classifies Sophomore in the Literary course and Juniors in the Conservatory of Music.

We rejoice in adding the new members to our circle, but we feel sad in losing those of our number whom time has proven staid and true. One of our girls leaves us this term but we hope she will return to us with next year.

A short time since we were very kindly remembered by pretty gifts for our hall from our Preceptress and from the teacher in English.

But our letter is growing long and we fear we have taken more than our share of time and space for this issue, our only excuse is, the Journal is such a treat and we enjoy the little talks through the chapter letters so much. With best wishes for all the chapters we retire.

Pi.

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### PHI.

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC, COLLEGE PARK, CALIFORNIA.

As I again take up my pen to write to our dear sisters, memories of pleasures gone and visions of those to come pass before me.

Since our last letter we have been busy indeed; no new members have been initiated but we have had pleasant visits with some of our alumnae. Everything is stirring among the Greeks—the season was begun on our anniversary, the fourth of April, with a Panhellenic Reception, held at the

house of Kappa Alpha Theta's senior member, Sister Eva M. Hemkins. The house was beautifully decorated with black and gold as well as the colors of all the invited fraternities. We had the pleasure of entertaining representatives from three Fraternities besides the Phi Kappa Psis who turned out in a body. Our girls all appeared in black Grecian costumes trimmed with a Grecian border of gold.

Although this was our first anniversary we are strong and ready for whatever may come in the future; and our girls cannot be accused of lacking enthusiasm.

Rumors have come of a Greek evening to be given by Professor Martin, the Phi Kappa Psi guardian, on the sixteenth of May; and last but not least the Phi Kappas Psi Symposium, with which all Thetas are acquainted and know that their expectations may be great for they will not be disappointed.

But before long there will be two Fraternities for Theta to entertain instead of one, for a number of excellent young men have been pledged to Beta Theta Pi and expect, before many days have gone by, to come out gloriously in their colors. We welcome them, and, as well as Phi Psi, cordially extend to them the right hand of fraternal friendship. Every Fraternity but adds to our strength and when another is ready to come, so that it be of as good material as this last, we will be ready to greet them fraternally.

At our Reception we had with us Sister Mabel Nuny, of San Francisco, and Sister Nettie Whitehurst, of Gilroy. We were glad to see them but regretted the necessary absence of Sisters Bessie Boardman and Jennie Landstrom on account of illness.

Greeting to all Thetas—Fraternally.

PHI.

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#### RHO.

LINCOLN, NEB., MAY 3, 1890.

DEAR SISTERS OF THETA: The Interstate Oratorical Convention is a thing of the past. We girls of Rho were disappointed to find none of the sisterhood among the visitors that arrived, but we heard some very nice things of you all, from many of them.

This has been a very busy week for us U. of N. students, but we were only too glad to be kept busy in such a cause, and if our visitors enjoyed themselves, we are well repaid. Although not represented in the contest, we all enjoyed the fine orations of the visiting orators. The fraternity girls gave a reception at the home of Miss Loomis (one of our number) yesterday afternoon, to all visitors and the fraternity members of the city. I can say it was quite a success, as it reflects no credit on us, for fraternity people are the easiest people in the world to entertain, and our visitors were all delightfully social.

We were presented with some very beautiful flowers, and a large floral design from the Sigma Chi gentlemen. With the orators and delegates we were all pleased, and wish they could remain with us longer.

As to Rho, she prospers in her usual way and closes with best wishes for her sister chapters. In K. A. Θ.

RHO.

**KAPPA.**

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, LAWRENCE, KANS.

In a few weeks, Commencement will be here and it is with heavy hearts that we think of the changes which will be made in our circle. By graduation we lose two of our strongest and most prominent members, Emma Bartell and Florence Reasoner. Miss Bartell has been intimately associated with the fraternity for over four years and she will be greatly missed by Kappa. Miss Reasoner, though her connection with K. A. Θ. has been for a shorter time, is a no less loyal Theta and her absence will cause a vacancy not easily filled. Ruth Emery, one of our new members, will not be with us next Fall, but we hope she may wend her way back to the University at some future time.

We have done little in the line of entertainment. In February an informal party was given at Maggie Mushrush's; the latter part of April, May Walker's home was also open to the Thetas and their friends. At present, however, our thoughts are centered upon the Commencement reception which is to be given the sixth of June.

The Pi Beta Phis, otherwise known to the fraternity world as the I. C.'s, very pleasantly entertained the Kappa Kappa Gammas a few evenings ago; next Saturday evening we are to be the recipients of their hospitality. This social custom is certainly to be commended as it promotes kindly feeling and destroys to some extent the spirit of rivalry which inevitably exists between the different fraternities.

News has just been received of the decision at the Interstate contest held in Nebraska. Though our representative was not from this University, we nevertheless rejoice with Washburn and feel doubly proud of the victory since both first and second places were awarded Kansas men.

This school year has been a most auspicious one for Kappa, and we cannot but feel that our chapter has made good progress. We have been greatly fortified by our new members and the spirit of harmony which prevails adds much to our strength.

KAPPA.

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**MU.**

All hail, Thetas! However removed from College and fraternity halls, we look back with loyal and loving hearts and with spirits of old worship fondly at Theta's shrine. A sister classmate and myself a few days since spent a happy hour in Theta's praise, and we felt that, could they but reach us, a thousand hands would clasp ours in sympathy most heartfelt. What an army Theta commands! What potentialities are hers! Her domain stretches from New England to the "*Golden Gate!*" She cannot but be a power, if growth characterize her members. There is danger, me thinks, in this 19th century—an age of culture—when culture means education, of one's becoming unconsciously selfish and thus of true growth's being retarded. So much talk of one's duty in the line of *self-culture* is rife, that the tendency is to grow feverish in one's anxiety to develop *self*. This fever consumes energy which should rightfully be spent in other channels. This was impressed upon me forcibly as I read Mr. Drummond's paper on "Growth" several days since. His text was, Consider the lilies, how they grow." A comparison was made between

an organism and a crystal growth being characteristic of the one, while mere accretion characterizes the other. Mr. Drummond's application was purely a spiritual one, but perhaps because I needed the lesson, the text became suddenly illumined and I read between the lines. It sums up in this: We should, in order to true growth, study nature for her sake—oblivious of self. *Be unselfish.* Holland counsels it in his *Gold Foil*. Hear Mrs. Browning: "We get no good by being selfish even to a book, and counting so much gain by so much reading. 'Tis only when we plunge headlong, soulforward into a book's profound. Impassioned for its beauty and salt of truth, 'Tis then we get the right good from a book."

Be alert and susceptible to that you meet in healthful paths, "Warm both hands before the fire of life," as did the jovial Landor and possess, as did he, a full and perfect life.

"O earth ! Thou hast not any friend that blows  
Which is not music; and every humble hedge-row flower that grows,  
And every little brown bird that doth sing,  
Hath something greater than itself and brave,  
A living word to every living thing."

A. K. R.

### BETA.

BLOOMINGTON, IND., May 5th, 1890.

Beta had her picture taken the other day—twenty-five heads.

Miss Vondersaar, of Indianapolis, Miss Green, of New Albany, Miss McMahon, of Huntington, have been initiated since our last budget of news was sent. Miss Knox, a sister of one of our strongest members, was pledged.

We are now preparing for our birthday party. Beta will be twenty years old on the eighteenth of this month. Miss Helen Shields has put her home at our disposal for the occasion.

Miss Josephine Pittman has been chosen by the Faculty to deliver an oration at commencement.

Our last drama was a "howling" success.

BETA.

### IOTA.

DEAR THETA SISTERS : Iota has had, so far, a very happy and successful year, and most heartily wishes that all her sister chapters are enjoying the same prosperity.

The Spring term is always uneventful, because everybody spends most of her time out of doors. The only items of interest that we have are that Miss Shapleigh, of Boston, has been visiting us for a few days, and that Miss Comstock has returned from her winter vacation.

Miss Anna Florence Moon and Miss Winifred Ball have been elected undergraduate members of Phi Beta Kappa.

We wish all seniors a successful commencement, and to the rest good times and a pleasant summer.

IOTA.

### TAU.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, EVANSTON, ILL., MAY 1, 1890.

DEAR SISTERS:—Tau for once finds that she has not much to say for herself; not that the usual phrases "a prosperous term," "flourishing condi-

tion" etc., are any less applicable than formerly, but we think we are somewhat like a barometer, feel the effects of the weather, and as the latter has not been propitious, college life has not varied from the usual routine.

We did have a feast of reason, however, last month, in a lecture given by a student in "bib" against the secret societies. He argued quite boldly for an hour or two, at the end of which written questions were handed him to answer, or not, as he chose. Some he refused to answer, as, "Were you ever asked to join a fraternity?" But most of them he succeeded in talking around, much to the disgust of the audience.

Considerable amusement was caused by a goat tied to a small boy on the platform. Benny seemed to find the slips of paper containing the questions more to his taste than tacks. The speaker appeared to have an extraordinary knowledge of K. A. Θ., even quoted "Theta, dear Theta, At thy Shrine our knee we bend."

We have just had a group picture taken, and are proud of it as the result of much labor.

Our last open session was found to be so pleasant that we have planned another, and are going to present the drama, "Abracadabra, the Avenger" sent us by one of the chapters.

Our hall is resplendent in an array of new crockery; we have had a china wedding.

Much solicitude is felt at the illness of President Cummings, who, in spite of years, has hitherto shown wonderful vigor of mind and body.  
With love to all.

TAU.

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#### LAMBDA.

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

As another college year draws toward a close, the opportunity was offered one of '90 to address "the Journal" for the last time as an active member.

The request called up thoughts inevitable to one about to graduate, and since all the events of the last term take their color from these feelings, in that light they will be presented in this letter.

Seniors wherever they are will appreciate our reluctance to leave our beautiful city, the "old mill," and above all, Lambda Chapter House. Some such thoughts as these forced themselves upon us when, on the last day of April, "we Seniors," started out to gather Arbutus for our May baskets. The afternoon was spent in a pleasant tramp and we returned home towards evening with as many of the fragrant blossoms as we could carry. Our enthusiasm was heightened, it seemed, by the very fact that it was the last time we would "go a Maying" together. After a merry tea at the house of one of the girls, we filled the dainty baskets of birch bark, and started out to make the rounds of the Professors' houses. At this time, our excitement had reached such a pitch, that two of the girls lost their caution and ran down one Professor's steps with such a clattering of feet, that he would certainly not mistake us for fairies as one poetical Professor did last year.

After the last basket was hung we were ready to separate for home, for we were all tired enough after our day's jaunt. But the fatigue was trifling compared with our enjoyment of the fun, and we were only too glad to

show, by the observance of this beautiful old custom, our appreciation of the kindness and cordiality which had been shown to us by the Professors and their wives.

We expect that our meetings this term, will be made more than usually interesting by the reading of the new book written by one of our Alumnae members—Jessie Wright Whitcomb, "Freshmen and Senior," both from the fact that the scene is laid in this University and from the interest of the book itself, has called forth thorough appreciation of its merits from all our friends, and, of course that increases our impatience to begin it, which we intend to do this evening after we have done full justice to the feast we have been planning.

Here no sad thoughts of parting will penetrate, but the moments will be all the brighter because so few remain to some of us. We hope for another year as prosperous as this, and already feel as if we had a surety of it in our bright pledged member.

Wishing for you all a brilliant Commencement, and commanding to your memory that, should any of you stray to Burlington this year to attend our Summer School, we will most gladly welcome you, Lambda sends the most earnest wishes for your welfare in which she has the deepest interest.

G. C.

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### OMICRON.

DEAR THETA SISTERS : Before our letter reaches its final resting place, Mrs. Whitted will probably be in Greencastle, where she may again be able to meet with her longed for and much talked of Alpha sisters. We deeply regret the departure of one who always seemed ready to aid us, and hope that we may soon have the pleasure of giving Mrs. Whitted a welcome reception in place of the farewell one that was given her at Olive Harrison's, the day before she left.

Every day brings us nearer commencement, which will take from us one of our brightest members, May E. Curran, a girl who has held her own faithfully in a class with six boys ; and who we expect will do far more than that when she wins the twenty-five dollar prize offered for the best delivered oration at their graduation.

The fraternities here are very enthusiastic, and the best of it all is, that there is such good feeling predominating between us. As the Sigma Chis are of the stronger sex, it would not be natural, as it never is, for them to have much strife with those of the other; but not so with two or more young ladies' fraternities in the same University ; for we have heard that in some of the Eastern colleges strife is carried to such an extent as to produce ill-feeling approaching—well, we wouldn't want to write what, but anyway, that they remain through all their college years, almost utter strangers to each other. We do not mean to give the impression that there isn't any strife in our school, for we do not believe that success to any student can be gained without a certain amount of the right kind, but in our social life, we take and have taken much pleasure from our acquaintance with the Gamma girls ; and there ought to be as many good girls in one sorority as another in every college.

Our "preps," two in number, for one has left, on account of ill health, have been allowed to come to our meetings this term ; they seem perfectly

contented in their choice, interested in the work, but nevertheless very eager for the arrival of that eventful evening, which shall elevate them, on our prancing, unmanageable animal and by the unknown, to a state where they may forever afterwards know the profound secrets of our glorious and mystic circle. From those who trust that there will be more true fraternity spirit existing between different sororities, because our circles of college acquaintances are always too small to help fit us for society work, which every girl is apt to have more or less of after she has finished her collegiate course. May you all have a bright future and a pleasant vacation.

OMICRON.

## PERSONALS.

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### KAPPA.

Prof. and Mrs. MacDonald leave in July for Boston, where they will remain for a few years.

Miss Munsell, of Alpha chapter, is visiting her sister in Lawrence.

Miss Mamie Barrett recently spent a day at her home in Ottawa.

Miss Hattie Cooke, of Kansas City, Mo., has been spending a few days with Emma Bartell.

Mamie Monroe is visiting in the southern part of the state.

May Walker has been in her brother's office during his numerous business trips.

Married—April 17th, Miss Fannie Pratt of Kansas City, Mo., to Mr. Frank Thompson of Topeka.

Eleanor Blaker spent the Easter vacation at Pleasanton.

### EPSILON.

Dr. Bashford, President of Delaware College, preached in Wooster last Sunday, April 20th.

Mrs. Enoch Elden, *nee* Marie Aten, '90, owns a small son.

One of the girls has received some beautiful Cornell views, nicely mounted and bound by a student of Ithaca.

Miss Funck owns the latest pin.

Mendelssohn's "Elijah" will be given this spring by the Oratorio Class. It was started by our dear Karl Merz, and will be given under the management of Prof. Heffly.

Lon Wallace, '92, assists in some of the special parts in the Oratorio.

The State Athletic Association will celebrate Field Day in Wooster, May 23rd, we are holding "great expectations."

Clara Louise Kellogg sings in Wooster May 12.

Madge Armor and Mrs. Prof Lamoureux sail for Europe May 5th.

### LAMBDA.

The Senior girls took tea with Mrs. Prof. Torrey during vacation.

Miss Bessie Wright, class of '90, in the High School, has lately put on the black and gold.

Adelaide Babbitt, '93, is teaching in South Burlington.

Mrs. J. H. Spear is expected home from Florida soon.

We are at present rejoicing in a new honor to our Fraternity. One of our old sisters, Mrs. J. E. Wright Whitcomb, '84, has recently published a book entitled "Freshman and Senior." The fact that the scene of the story is laid in our own University makes it especially attractive to us.

The young ladies of the Senior and Junior classes were entertained in a charming manner, at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Emerson, Friday evening, April 25th.

The subject of "May baskets" is of great interest to us just now, each one being bent on showing her devotion to some favorite professor by one of these dainty free-will offerings.

A number of the students have been having the measles.

## PI.

Miss Jennie Armstrong will not be in school this term as she had expected, on account of the removal of her parents from this city to Kalamazoo.

Miss Louise Monroe is the youngest member of Pi, she having put on the pin after a stormy ordeal, which occurred May 3d.

Miss Myrtle Graves has been quite sick for the past few weeks, but is now rapidly recovering.

Miss Teenie Ferguson enjoyed a day at Detroit not long since.

Misses Staley, Castoo, Turner, Brown, Gardner and Monroe entertained at Theta Hall, March 22nd.

The third anniversary of the chapter was appropriately celebrated March 19th, only initiate and pledged members participated in the good time.

Miss Emma Parsons visited at Hanover during the recent vacation.

Misses Jennie Armstrong and Mima Hopkins visited Chicago the latter part of last term and gave the girls of Tau a call.

## CHI.

Miss Lulu Graff, '92, recently visited at her home in Utica.

Miss Florence A. Larrabee, '91, entertained the chapter at her home, April 25th.

Miss Lulu Kern, '93, is instructing a small class in banjo playing.

Miss May Vedder, '90 Iota, was visiting in the city recently. Two Thetas called on her but did not find her at home.

Miss Marcia A. Carpenter, '92, has recently taken the Rebecca degree in the I. O. O. F. and has already a beautiful badge, the gift of her brother.

Miss Pauline Jennings, '89, has been suffering with an attack of measles.

Mrs. Prof. C. I. Marsh gave a drive whist party on the evening of March 29th, in honor of Miss Pauline Jennings, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Messrs. Cobb, Purdy and McGerald, *Y. Y.—University News.*

## EXCHANGES.

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The illness of our exchange editor will be felt, not only by Upsilon, but by all the readers of Kappa Alpha Theta; we expect a change of climate to work a recovery before the next issue of the Journal; in the meantime, the editors *pro tem.*, depending on sympathy to temper criticism, cheerfully take their places around the exahange table and plunge at once into the fresh, new, fraternity journals.

We turn first to the Key, which brings us, among other good things, an article on the Possibilities of Fraternity Journalism, which might well be read by every fraternity editor in the land. We should like to present it bodily, but will content ourselves with a brief outline. A Greek letter magazine, it says, should aim at two things: First, "An adequate expression of fraternity life and relations." Second, "The mechanics of a fraternity," announcements, facts, reports, etc. The ground to be covered may be divided into four overlapping fields: One's own fraternity, Fraternities, College, and Fraternity in its broadest sense.

Under the head of one's own Fraternity there should be not only chapter letters, reports, and announcements, but "The character of a fraternity should be represented in its journal, and that is made possible only when the individual members supplement the views of the editor by their own views and suggestions. Only when the contributors will consent to write informally of themselves, their work and tastes and ambitions, will the magazine become in any degree a representative journal."

Under the second head, there should be, of course, fraternity items, but primarily, references and comparison regarding method.

In the department devoted to College, besides the "exasperatingly scrappy" items of college news, might come "clear, concise account of life and work" in leading colleges of America and Europe.

By the way, we notice an example of this kind of description in Beta Theta Pi's article on the Northwestern University.

The last division, Fraternity, would admit any subject of philanthropy or sociology which touches college life—a wide circle but within the range of a fraternity magazine, since fraternities are founded on the principle of brotherhood.

The writer would make much of chapter letters ; all the good things done by the fraternity collectively and individually, would be served here. In the ideal fraternity magazine, for instance, there would be no place for the so-called "literary article." Its only possible mission would be to acquaint the fraternity with the character and abilities of the writer, and that object is much better accomplished by the more informal communication of the chapter or open letter.

And whenever a sister has written a good thing, met with a pleasant experience, seen an object of rare beauty, come in contact with a great mind or conceived a new thought, instead of locking it up for her own, let her write it into a delightful open letter and send it to the Journal. Such a course as that would make us really know each other and do much toward bringing back the beautiful lost art of Lady Montague.

The article ends with a fine statement of the mutual duties of editor and fraternity. It cannot be too often emphasized that on the editors and the members of the fraternity rests the success of a magazine. In the language of the author : "A really valuable magazine can be produced only by the intelligent co-operation of editor and fraternity. If the members of a fraternity fail to carry out the ideas of an editor, because of their ignorance of his wishes, then the reproach as failure belongs to the editor. In many cases contributors are ready and willing to write, if suitable subjects are assigned them. But when the editor has expressed his wishes the responsibility descends upon the fraternity ; upon them depends the magazine's ultimate failure or success." We wish that every Theta would "chew" upon these thoughts ; the result would be an ideal Journal.

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The Phi Kappa Psi Shield has its usual quota of delightful chapter letters. We applaud the Shield's heroic punishment of the would-be poet. The April number, just at hand, contains a full account of the Grand Arch Council at Chicago, and the new fraternity yell.

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The Rainbow gives us a fine symposium on Fraternity and Morality. It is full of good points, and beside, clears up a mystery. We have always wondered how the Delta Tau Deltas managed to win all the ball games and take a giant's share of honors on field day, but it is all explained when we see, in the symposium, the requisites of the ideal Delta set forth in this order : Athletics, in-

tellectuality, morality, religion. This inverted climax seems rather shocking to the uninitiated but it produces fine physical results, at least, and we never knew the Deltas to fail in the lesser virtues of intellectuality, morality and religion. We recommend to Delta Tau Delta Prof. Sloane's recent article on the Ethics of College Athletics.

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The business and professional directory of Theta Delta Chi seems to us an excellent institution. The Shield throughout exhibits a helpful, brotherly spirit towards the alumni members of the fraternity. Theta Delta Chi is careful in choosing its members, never accepts a man that has been expelled from another fraternity, and advocates that the name of every expelled member of a fraternity should be published, not only in journals of the fraternity from which he was expelled, but in every other; but once having accepted a man, Theta Delta Chi is loyal. The Shield is well written, well printed, and besides its excellent engravings, is embellished with cuts.

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A biographical sketch of John Clark Ridpath, the famous historian and educationalist, appears in the March number of Phi Gamma Delta. Kappa Alpha Theta has reason to thank Mr. Ridpath for his kindness to her.

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The KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL for March has a discussion of *sub rosa* chapters, written on the occasion of the re-establishment of Tau, a *sub rosa*. Theta's way of settling the whole question would be to black ball any institution narrow enough to make a *sub rosa* necessary.

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Spring, the prolific season of budding and growth, has made itself felt in the fraternity magazines; we find them bursting with suggestions, original or newly transplanted.

Omega chapter of Beta Theta Pi proposes an innovation by sending a copy of its annual chapter photograph to every other chapter in the fraternity, and hopes for a like compliment in return.

Delta Tau Delta does not issue the next number of the Rainbow until all the colleges are closed, and will then present the features of commencement and a summary of the year's work. Kappa Alpha Theta has decided to adopt the same plan, or else to print a commencement extra.

The Bee suggests a permanent location of the yearly convention of Beta Theta Pi, to be held in a new assembly hall which they will build at Wooglin on Chautauqua. Wooglin is to be adorned with a rose bush to represent each chapter in the fraternity.

Theta Delta Chi promises a list of all the new initiates of the year. It seems to Kappa Alpha Theta that such a list should be published by every fraternity journal at the end of each year.

Beta Theta Pi rejoices in a fraternity flag, azure field, stars and rosebuds. The banner happily suggests Beta's colors and fraternity flower. Why might not we all sail under flying colors?

The students of Northwestern University are discussing the advisability of University badges.

These budding notions impress us in the main as rather wise than otherwise, and indicate life all along the line.

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The University of Minnesota has a large territory to draw from, and is fast becoming one of the leading educational institutions of the United States. Δ K E is the first great Fraternity to establish a chapter here, although the following fraternities are represented, viz.: Φ K Ψ, Δ T Δ, X Ψ, Σ X, B Θ Π, Θ Φ (local), K K Γ, Δ Γ, K A Θ also have strong chapters here. Θ Φ is a large local society, which for several years has been an applicant for a chapter of Ψ Υ, but has been as yet unsuccessful. It is reported that the Ψ Υ Convention of 1889 granted them a charter on the condition that it be ratified by every chapter of the Fraternity. There are well founded rumors afloat that Delta Upsilon, Phi Gamma Delta and Alpha Phi, are soon to be chartered in the Academic, and Phi Delta Phi in the Law Department.

Pi Beta Nu is the only honorary society we have so far, but steps have been made to secure Phi Beta Kappa.—*D. K. E. Chapter Letter for University of Minnesota.*

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The University of Minnesota has 910 students enrolled this year.—*The Shield.*

"Give unto Caesar that which is Caesar's." The University of Minnesota has enrolled, in round numbers 1,008 students.

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Is it not a somewhat strange practise, when one thinks about it, this of one fraternity publication criticising another—not the tenor, the ideas and the sentiments alone, but the size of type,

the style of editing and that perpetually fruitful subject for the exchange editor's trenchant pen, *the cover?* We ourselves have never regarded that our well-established contemporaries stood in need of advice; and we have always refrained from off-hand opinions on those mere externals which are presumably devised and prepared with more thought than we, in passing, could be expected to give.—*Phi Gamma Delta.*

Kappa Alpha Theta wishes to endorse the above statement of Phi Gamma Delta.

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Two of the seven members of the class of '88 of the University of Vermont elected to Phi Beta Kappa were ladies.—*Delta Tau Delta Rainbow.*

At Cornell ladies are eligible for election as members of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. On Thursday last Misses E. L. Berry and E. L. Gilbert were elected by the faculty from the Junior class. It is an innovation probably not contemplated by the parent chapter, from whom Cornell's chapter was derived.—*Mail and Express.*

Theta extends congratulations to University of Vermont and Cornell.

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Fraternity journals are agitated on the subject of Panhellenism; there is however no hope or danger as the case may be of immediate Panhellenism, as the magazines continue to resort to the expressive old saw. "Let every tub stand on its own bottom."

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The idea of University extension is meeting with favor at the University of Pennsylvania. The scheme now under consideration is essentially as follows: Professors and lecturers of the University staff will be sent to establish courses of lectures on popular and advanced topics in all the larger towns and cities within one hundred or two hundred miles of the city. The residents of these localities will be encouraged in every way to attend. Instruction will be given at a convenient time, and the effect of the plan will be to establish a score of branches of the University in all the country towns.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

There is sad need of some institution that will prepare for college in the village too small for high schools and more than all in the populous country districts.

The new National University at Chicago, which is modeled after the famous London University, and provides courses of study and examinations for non-resident students, offers three cash prizes of fifty dollars each for essays on "How to Improve our Common Schools," "How to Keep Young Men on the Farms," and "How to Promote the Study of the Bible."—*Key.*

Thetas fill your fountain pens.

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At exactly twenty minutes past one of Thursday afternoon, March 13th, the old bell on the hill at Madison University began ringing at an alarming rate. The surprised students poured out of the dormitories to learn the cause. Quickly the word passed from lip to lip, "the name has been changed." Immediately all the instruments, accumulated by years of periodic bell-ringing, were brought forth, and the air was filled with a fearful din. A procession was formed, headed by a drum corps, and East College, West College, alumni hall, the laboratory, Eaton hall and the academy were invaded and treated to a concert by the impromptu band. Occasionally, while the buglers took breath, the new yell, "Yell high! yell great! Rah! rah! Colgate," was given by 100 voices.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

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We are pained to learn of the death of Hon. Wm. Bucknell of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Bucknell was a staunch friend of education, and the mainstay of Bucknell College. That institution is indebted to his generosity for \$90,000 within a year.

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The Rev. Chas. F. Thwing, D. D., of Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, a graduate of Harvard, is prominently mentioned for the presidency of Oberlin College, and also for the Chancellorship of the University of Kansas. He was offered the presidency of Grinnell College in 1885, but declined it. He is the author of "American Colleges," and is one of the best informed men in the country, on colleges, college life and college work.—*Rainbow.*

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H. J. Furber, graduate of the Chicago University, will devote \$1,000,000 for founding at Chicago a great university similar to that at Heidelberg.—*Key.*



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